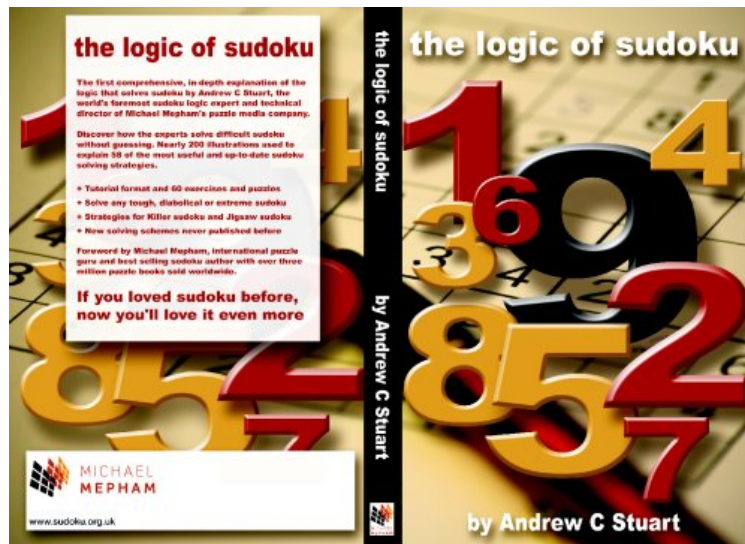


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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Three StarsBy Sandy Pine Paulthis book gets into things I never heard of before or have come across7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A MUST HAVE Book for the Sudoku Enthusiast.By E. VessalThis little gem of a book is without a doubt the best book out there for learning sudoku solving strategies. It puts some of the other books out there, including the well-known Mensa Guide to Solving Sudoku by Peter Gordon and the Mastering Sudoku Week By Week book by Paul Stephens to shame. What separates this book from the others is the depth of topics covered. Some of the more advanced techniques required for the harder puzzles that are covered in this book cannot be found in the other two I mentioned. For instance, Finned and Filleted X-Wings, the Sashimi, Almost Locked Sets, Aligned Pair Exclusion, Sue-de-Coq, Grouped X-Cycles and the Death Blossom are some examples of the techniques unique to this book. These techniques are presented clear and concisely in an easy-to-learn manner. You do not have to worry about advanced mathematical logic or complicated technical language. It's aimed at those who wish to solve sudoku puzzles, not those who wish to study the theories behind the solving strategies. If you are serious about improving your sudoku game, and wish to move on from the easy-to-moderate puzzles to the hard, extreme, and diabolical puzzles, then you need to purchase this book and learn the techniques within. As an added bonus, the author maintains a website which provides examples and further definitions of the techniques he covers in the book, along with an online solver which will solve a sudoku puzzle through a step by step approach and let you know of the techniques used to solve the puzzles. There are some minor drawbacks with this book. One thing that you immediately notice when you start to read this book is punctuation and grammatical errors. This book was not released by a major-publishing house, indeed it was printed by an obscure publishing company belonging to a sudoku enthusiast and as such it seems not to have been rigorously proofread. However, the grammatical errors do not disrupt the learning process, as the techniques are still easily understandable with them sprinkled in. Also, if you are an absolute beginner to the sudoku game, you might want to pair this book with another

learning book as the author does not devote much space to the more basic strategies. If you can pick up logical concepts quite easily, then you will be fine. However if you want a deeper introduction to the more basic strategies (pairs, triples, intersections) then I recommend adding another book (Mastering Sudoku Week by Week is fine). Another small complaint about this book is that some of the techniques the author presents on his website are not included in this book. I was disappointed to see strategies such as the 3D Medusa and the Turbot fish not included in this book. However he does have explanations for them on his website. But in the end, the drawbacks are very minor compared to the benefits you gain from adding this book to your library. If you can grasp the strategies contained within this book, then you will have no problems solving the extreme and diabolical sudoku puzzles. Want to try all four levels of the Absolutely Nasty Mensa Sudoku series? You will find them a piece of cake after reading this book!

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By Bil Greene
One of the problems with solving advanced sudokus is trying to spot the right technique. The author tells you of a technique but doesn't talk much about how to figure out what technique applies. So he talks about the hidden triple but doesn't spend that much time telling you how to FIND the hidden triple. Also, to me, he seems to have the ability to take a reasonably simple concept and make it sound difficult. I guess he is trying too hard to be logical and I found it just muddied the waters. Take simple coloring. It is supposed to be simple but the author come up with these equations which to me really made no sense and divereted you from learning the technique. The good example of taking something simple and making it sound hard. But when all is said and done this is the best book I have found for explanations. Oh yes, the simple coloring is presented in the black and white book with no coloring at all. The book really should be redone, made easier to understand and done in color.

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